



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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REPORT NO: 102

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board
Agenda of May 20, 2010

SUBJECT: Rename 252 Corridor Undeveloped Park to “Southcrest Trails”

SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Park and Recreation Board approve the recommendation to rename the undeveloped neighborhood park located at 38th and Alpha Street “Southcrest Trails”?

Director’s Recommendation – The Department does not take a position on facility naming requests.

Other Recommendations –

- On June 14, 2009, the Southcrest Recreation Council voted (8-0-0) recommending approval to rename the undeveloped park site “Southcrest Trails”.
- On April 7, 2010, City Council President Ben Hueso sent a letter to support and endorse the renaming of the undeveloped park site to “Southcrest Trails”.
- On April 14, 2010, the Community Parks II Area Committee voted (11-0-0) recommending approval to rename the undeveloped park site “Southcrest Trails”.

Fiscal Impact – None with this action. The signage will be paid for with Redevelopment Funds.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – The proposed park complies with all water and energy conservation guidelines contained in Council Policy 200-14.

Environmental – Not applicable

BACKGROUND

The site is located in the community of Southcrest, near 38th Street and Alpha Street and Alpha Street and Chollas Creek. Prior to 1998, Caltrans condemned the land for installation of a freeway titled State Route 252 Corridor. The work was not completed and eventually the land

reverted to the City.

The project provides for the design and construction of an approximately 5.8 acre park site. It will run parallel to the Chollas Creek Restoration Area (Segment 8) and is linked to Dorothy Petway Neighborhood Park by a pedestrian bridge. It is anticipated the park will include picnic shelter(s), children's play area, walkways, fencing, an amphitheater, half court basketball court, security lighting and other site furnishings. Staff is awaiting the return of community surveys to coordinate input for a final decision of proposed park amenities.

The request to rename 252 Corridor Park to "Southcrest Trails" was initiated by the members of the Southcrest Recreation Council.

DISCUSSION

Community activists have come forward with a proposal to rename the undeveloped State Route 252 Corridor property located between Interstate 5 and Interstate 805. Members of the Southcrest Recreation Council proposed a name that identifies the property with its location. The property is especially significant because of its close proximity to nearly 3 acres of native vegetation along Chollas Creek. It is an out of ordinary experience to be able to observe the restoration of the natural habitat and its trail system adjacent to traditional park amenities in the middle of the city.

Naming of this proposed park site in recognition of its unique location is in accordance with Park and Recreation Board Policy 1001, "Naming of Park and Recreation Facilities".

ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the renaming of the neighborhood park.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: 1. Location Map Southcrest Route 252 Corridor Park Phase 2 – Aerial Photo
2. Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001

cc: Council District 8 Office